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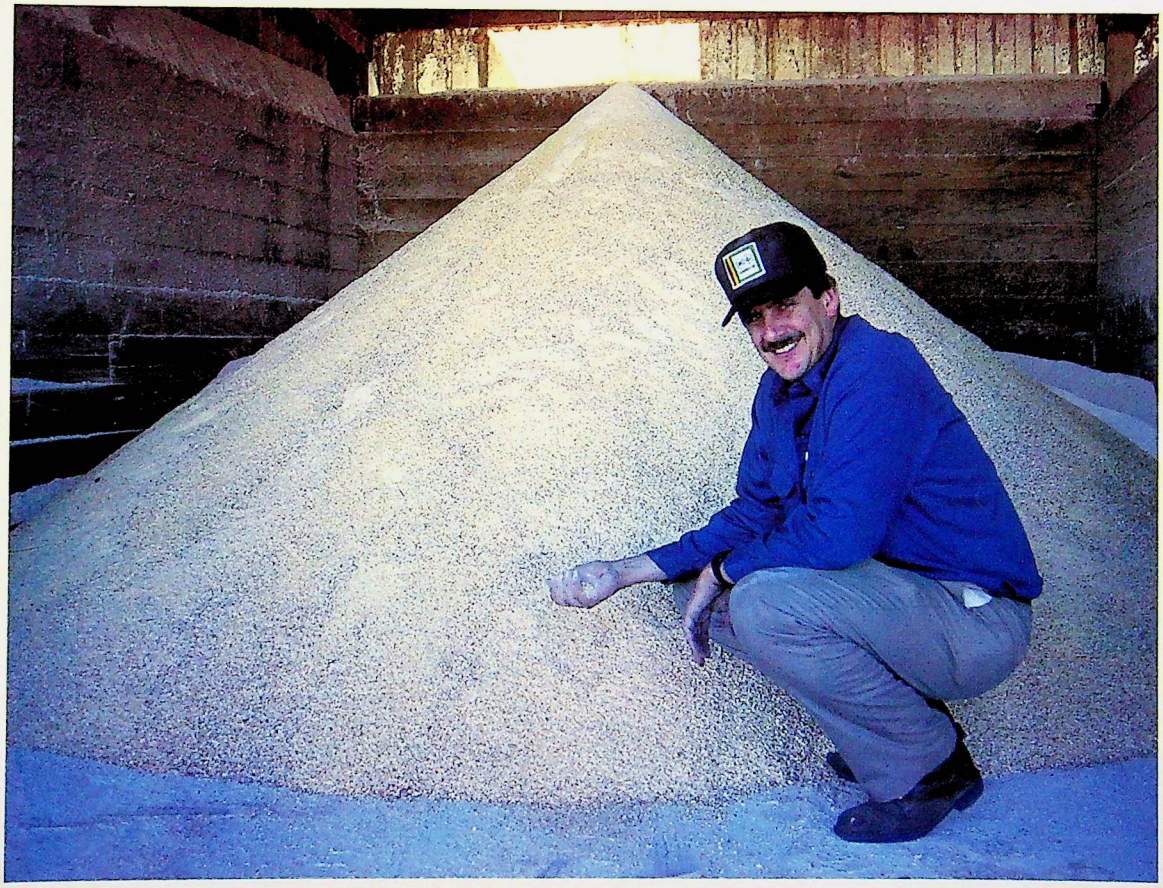

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To Young Farmers

by Tommy Gladden

The 38th annual convention held at the Columbia Marriott was very successful with a good time had by all. Attendance and participation were very good with an excellent crowd at the awards banquet Friday night. The officer team put together and ran a smooth and motivating convention program from the opening call to order to the final adjournment. A lot of credit goes to our sponsors, exhibitors and to our program participants. We look forward to their continued support in the future.

This is the time of year when most chapters are at their busiest. I encourage each chapter to complete their membership roster and submit their dues as soon as possible. I also encourage teachers who do not currently have an active chapter to contact me to get the information and materials to start a new chapter. The benefits of membership are more important today than ever. Also, a strong chapter will benefit the FFA program, the community it serves, as well as the members.

All chapters should make a special effort to increase their membership this year. Our membership slipped some last year, but we look to bounce back this year. The State officers and staff are available and will be happy to provide any assistance needed. Call on them when needed.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

by J. Earl Frick, Jr.

This is the time of the year for FFA members to complete the contest and awards applications. April 15 is a significant date for FFA members as well as taxpayers--that is the due date for submitting individual and chapter award application. So make your plans now to submit your State Farmer Degree, the Individual Future Farmer Award, and the Agricultural Proficiency Award by April 15.

Advisors and chapter officers also will need to submit the applications for Building Our American Communities (BOAC), Chapter Safety and the Chapter Award Program. Ask your vocational agriculture teacher to help you in completing and submitting your contest and award applications prior to the April 15 deadline.

The State FFA Convention will be held at Clemson University June 11-13. National FFA Vice President, Cindy Blair, from Oklahoma will be there to inspire and motivate our members, and Mr. Tony Hoyt from the National FFA Center will give the keynote address at the Thursday morning session. Your State FFA officers are working hard to make this the most exiting convention ever, so make your plans to be there. Your chapter should send all state level contest and award winners plus two voting delegates.

Plans are well along for another exciting camping season at the Cherry Grove FFA Camp. The Camp will open June 16 for regular camping, with the Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers scheduled for June 24-27. The Camp also will operate the first two weeks in July, so make your plans now to attend. The camp fee is $30 per week, and $24 for the Leadership Conference. The State FFA Officers and State staff would like to encourage you to attend and participate in the activties that have been planned for you.

Cover Photo:

L. Landy Weathers of Bowman, South Carolina Young Farmer of the Year, looks at a load of cracked corn which will be mixed with other ingredients for dairy rations.

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Convention Speakers Discuss Management

"Beef Management", and "Forest Management Services" were featured topics at the opening session of the 38th annual convention of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers Friday afternoon, January 17 at Marriott Hotel in Columbia.

"Forestry is changing, but bringing lots of growing opportunities," Rhett Bickley of the State Commission of Forestry, emphasized in speaking on "Forest Management Services".

Mr. Bickley discussed containerized seedling, forest management, financial assistance to landowners, use of helicopter in forestry, and the role of prescribed burning as a forest management tool.

"The cattle industry uses 40 per cent of technology available to it compared to 70 percent used by the poultry industry, Robert Vaughan of York, Area County Extension Agent, said in discussing Beef Management and Marketing.

Things that affect the profitability of livestock farming include small brood cows, low calf crops, calves that can't get beyond their genetic prison, and weak forage programs," Mr. Vaughan added.

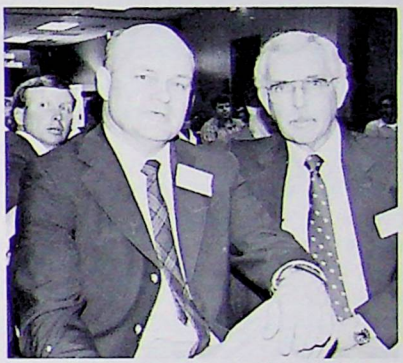
Dr. Henry Webster, extension beef scientist, Clemson University, discussed working with vocational agricultural education programs in the cattle association. He also announced the "Carolina Cattleman Magazine, a new publication for N.C. and S.C.

Scott McKain of Indianapolis, Ind., past national secretary of the Future Farmers of America, was featured speaker at the banquet session Friday night.

"The word farmer is a lifeline, a tradition, a heritage, a necessity," Dan Poston of Brittons Neck, State FFA president, emphasized in brief greetings from the State FFA Saturday morning. "There will always be a place for the farmer," he said in urging each one to carry "this message of what it means to be a farmer and to tell it to each one".

Several delegates are shown registering for the 38th annual convention of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia.

Rusty Darby of Chester, was elected president of the association at the closing session Saturday morning. He succeeds Harry Wimberly of Bowman. Other new officers include Marshal Flowers of Darlington, president-elect; and District Vice Presidents Archie Felder III, of Bowman, William Clark of Edgefield, Joey Wilson of Chester, and Frankie Woodard of Darlington.



Committee Participants: Robert Vaughn, right, and Dr. Henry Webster, left.

New officers of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers elected at the annual convention in Columbia include left to right, Archie Felder III of Bowman, vice president, District IV; Marshall flowers of Darlington, president-elect; Harry Wimberly of Bowman, past president; Rusty Darby of Chester, president; William Clark of Edgefield, vice president, District I: and Joey Wilson of Chester, vice president, District II. Frankie Woodard of St. Johns Chapter at Darlington, not shown, is vice president from District III.

Young Farmers Receive Cash Awards in Keen Competition

L. Landy Weathers, a dairy farmer from Bowman, was honored as Young Farmer of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers at its annual awards banquet January 17 at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia.

The awards recognition included the presentation of an engraved silver bowl and $300.00 in cash to Mr. and Mrs. Weathers by F. N. McNair, Jr., assistant vice president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

An engraved tray and $150.00 in cash were presented to district winners. They included Terry Brown of Saluda, John Crawford, agriculture teacher, District I; Julian P. Rogers III, York Chapter, Frank Sandifer, agriculture teacher, District 2; Mark E. White of Lamar Chapter, Al Jeffords, agriculture teacher, District 3; and Terry McDowell of Progressive Chapter at Spartanburg, H. B. Waldrop, agriculture teacher.

State and district winners in five additional contests, and representative of sponsoring firms who presented the awards, follow:

Three Acre Corn Contest (Non-irrigated); John E. Graham, Jr. of Smoaks, Colleton Chapter, first place state with a yield of 203.48 bushels per acre; and District Winners William Clark of Edgefield Chapter; and Terry Fogle, Pelion Chapter, presented by Perry Mitchell of Hartsville, regional sales manager of Rohm and Haas Seeds, Inc.

Three Acre Corn Contest (Irrigated); Ricky Kneece of Pelion Chapter first place state with a yield of 230 bushels per acre; and District Winner, William Clark of Johnston, Edgefield Chapter.

Five-Acre Soybean Contest (Non-irrigated); Donnie Whisenhunt of Orangeburg-Calhoun Chapter with a yield of 72.88 bushels per acre, presented by Harry Wimberly of Bowman Chapter, president of South Carolina Young Farmer Association; and District Winners R. Donnie Pitts of Hickory Tavern Chapter; Rusty Darby of Chester Chapter; and Kenneth Hodges of Lamar Chapter.

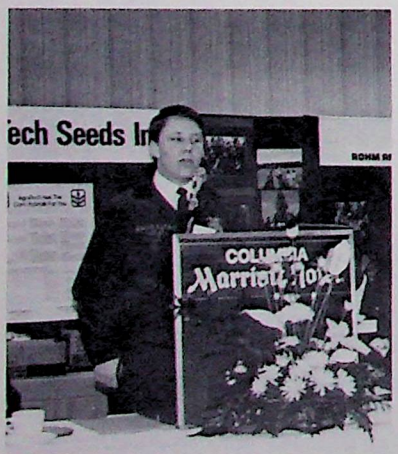
Five-Acre Soybean Contest (Irrigated): Ricky Kneece of Pelion, first place state with a yield of 41.60 bushels per acre.

Livestock Production Awards: Brad Forrest of Saluda, first place state in beef production, presented by Ray Sartain of Kershaw, merchandising manager with Archer Daniels Midland; Archie and John Felder of Bowman, first place state in Dairy production; Tom and Bart Garrison of Pendleton Chapter, second place; and Jacob S. Riser of Bowman, state winner in swine production.

Forest Management Awards: Donnie Pitts of Hickory Tavern Chapter, state winner, presented by James H. Haygreen of Alcolu, manager of Northern Timber Group, Georgia-Pacific Corporation; and Rusty Darby of Chester, second place.

Energy Efficiency Awards: John Felder of Bowman Chapter, state winner, presented by Bill Gladden of Columbia, S.C. Electric and Gas Company; and District Winners Julian P. Rogers III, of York Chapter, Jack Stewart of St. John's Chapter, Darlington, and Roger Keith Hodges of Hickory Tavern Chapter.

Chapter Contest Awards: Saluda, Jimmy Dowling, president; and John Crawford, agriculture teacher, first place state; presented by Jim Loftis of Atlanta, Ga., Gold Kist, Inc., and District Winners Pelion Chapter, Gene Lucas, president, and Frank Stover, Jr., agriculture teacher; Brittons Neck Chapter, Jim Lovell, president, and Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher; and Bowman Chapter, Hugh Weathers, president, and Landy Weathers, advisor.



Dan Poston of Brittons Neck, SCFFA president, brought greetings from South Carolina Future Farmers.

Ricky Kneece of Pelion Young Farmer Chapter, right, was presented first place state awards in the three-acre corn, and soybean contests, irrigated. He is shown with William Clark of Edgefield Chapter, left, District 1 winner in the corn contest. Mr. Kneece's corn yield was 230.16 bushels per acre, and 41.60 bushels per acre for soybeans. The corn contest was sponsored by Rohm and Haas Seed, Inc. of Hartsville.

Chapter President Awards: Hugh E. Weathers, president of Bowman Chapter, state winner, presented by William Sherman of Goldsboro, N.C., The Nitragin Company; and District Winners John Simpson, president of Crescent Chapter, Iva; Randy Clamp, president of Gilbert Chapter; and Gary Howell, president of Lamar Chapter.

Attendance Award: Bowman Chapter with 27 attending.

Membership Award: Saluda Chapter with greatest percentage increase, and greatest number increase.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wimberly of Bowman are proud recipients of a plaque presented in recognition of Mr. Wimberly's service as president during the past year.

W.B. Wilkerson, Jr. of Hickory Grove, and Joey Wilson of Chester captured a "good handle" on door prizes.

Winners in the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers three acre corn contest (non-irrigated) are shown above. They include, left to right, William Clark of Edgefield, 75 bushes per acre; Terry Fogle of Pelion, 135 bushels per acre; and John E. Graham, Jr. of Colleton Chapter, Smoaks, 203 bushels per acre, and state winner. They were presented plaques and $100 cash awards by Rohm and Haas Seed, Inc. of Hartsville.

Winners in the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers three acre soybean contest, non-irrigated, are shown above. They include, left to right, Donnie Pitts of Hickory Tavern Young Farmer Chapter, 41.69 bushels per acre; Rusty Darby of Chester, 47.39 bushels per acre; and Kenneth Hodges of Lamar Chapter, 47.33 bushels per acre. The state winner, not shown, was Donnie Wisenhunt of Orangeburg-Calhoun Chapter, with a yield of 72.88 bushels per acre.

First and second place award winners in livestock production include, left to right, Brad Forrest of Saluda, first place state winner in beef production; Archie Felder III of Bowman who along with his brother, John, was state winner in dairy production; and Jacob S. Riser of Bowman, state winner in swine production. Bart and Tom Garrison of Pendleton, not shown, were second in dairy production.

Young Farmers who were presented energy efficiency awards include, left to right, Bill Gladden of S.C. Electric and Gas Company, which sponsored the awards, Roger Keith Hodges of Laurens, Hickory Tavern Chapter; Julian P. Rogers III, of York Chapter; Jack Stewart of St. John's Chapter, Darlington; and John Felder of Bowman Chapter. Mr. Felder received a $300 cash award as state winner.

Four Young Farmer Chapters were presented a plaque and cash awards as winners in the South Carolina Association of Young Farmer Chapter Contests. Chapter representatives who received the awards on behalf of their respective chapters include, left to right, Jimmy Dowling, president of the Saluda Chapter which received $200 as first place winner; Gene Lucas, president of Pelion Chapter; Jim Lovell, president of Brittons Neck Chapter, and Hugh Weathers, president of Bowman Chapter, district winners, who received $100 each chapter.

Exhibits featuring agricultural technology and farming efficiency were a highlight of the conference. The exchange of ideas between producers and consumers will benefit both the exhibitors and the members present who were able to spend time talking with the products representatives. The increased number of exhibitors at the conference this year indicates the interest agri-businesses have for the Young Farmers Association.

Saluda Young Farmer Chapter won the first place chapter award. Chapter leaders shown above include John Crawford, advisor, left, and Jimmy Dowling, president, right. A plaque and $200.00 cash award was presented to the chapter by Jim Loftis of Gold Kist, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., center,sponsor of the contest.

Recognition as the South Carolina Young Farmer of the Year was a happy moment for L. Landy Weathers, of Bowman, right, and his wife, Susan, center. An engraved silver bowl and cash award were presented to the winner by F.N. McNair, Jr., left, of the Federal Land Bank and Federal Immediate Credit Bank of Columbia.

Donnie Pitts of Hickory Tavern Young Farmer Chapter, center, was recognized as state winner of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers forestry contest at the recent annual meeting of the association in Columbia. Those in the picture include, left to right, Rusty Darby of Chester, second place, Mr. Pitts, and James H. Haygreen of Georgia-Pacific Corporation, who presented the cash awards on behalf of his firm, and Stone Container Corp., sponsors of the contest.

Two district winners in the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers of the year contest are shown above. Those in the picture include, left to right, F.N. McNair, Jr. of Federal Land Bank of Columbia, sponsor of the contest, Terry Brown of Saluda Chapter, and Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Julian P. Rogers III, and Mr. Rogers of York Chapter.

Young Farmer of the Year

Farming Efficiency Boosts Production And Profits

Use of management, innovative ideas, and improved farming practices to boost productivity and farming efficiency are factors in farming progress attained by Landy Weathers of Bowman, South Carolina Young Farmer of the Year.

This progress is visible in continued improvements from already established and productive cropland.

The Young Farmer of the Year, and his brother, Hugh Weathers, manages Weathers Farms, Inc., a 2,500-acre dairy farm with a 1,500-head dairy herd, that is owned by their father and their uncle. The two brothers with their father and uncle have worked out a management arrangement that draws on the strength of each. These men have brought decades of experience to guide the farm. "The farm was started in 1927 by my grandfather, George W. Weathers, Sr.," Landy said.

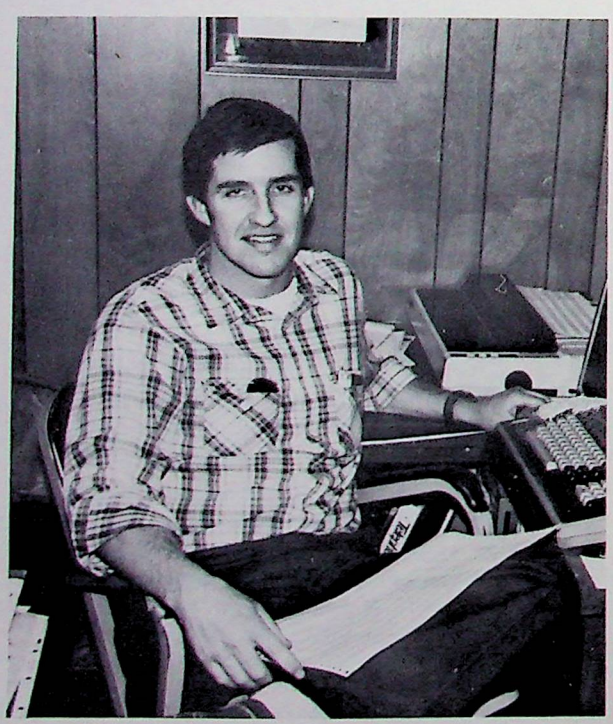
Farming is all I ever wanted to do. We both grew up on the farm. I am more crop and machinery oriented, and Hugh, an accounting major graduate from the University of South Carolina, is mainly responsible for the dairy and records," the Young Farmer noted.

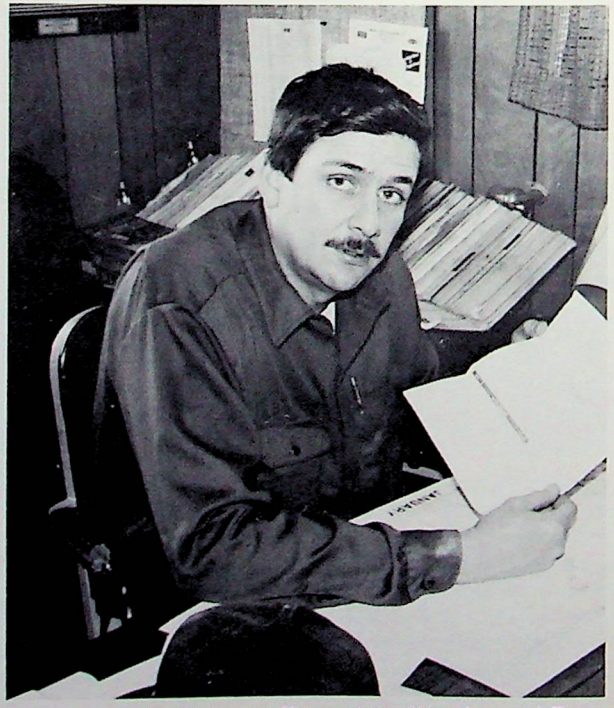
Major farm decisions are made as a team effort, although each is responsible for decisions that affect their respective responsibilities.

Last year, they decided to plant alfalfa for the first time along with barley, followed by grain sorghum instead of soybeans. "We felt we could spend our energies better on the crops that would go through the cow and produce milk than crops for the grain elevator like corn and wheat which are at the mercy of the Chicago Board of Trade.

"We had been doing a lot of farming for grain elevators. We decided that although dairy is not good, it is not as dark as row crops. Nothing has left this farm this year but milk. All crops go into feed, however, we do buy some feed. We could be almost feed sufficient except for protein.

"This year we may plant soybeans since we did not do as well with grain sorghum as we thought we would. Soybeans look better," Mr. Weathers said in explaining that "our decision making is ongoing with flexiblity as to options at the time. Sometimes our decision on





Hugh Weathers, left, and Landy Weathers, right, are shown above in their adjoining offices at the Weatherses' Farm. Both Young Farmers utilize the computer located in Hugh's office.

what crop to plant may be delayed almost until planting time, depending upon the long range outlook for a crop," he explained.

Corn is a major crop for the farm with 600 acres planted for silage and 500 acres for combining.

Stressing the innovative features of their operation down through the years, Landy said "We were the first in our area to progress from four-row equipment, to six-row, and in 1983 we made the move to eight-row with 30-inch row spacing. We have increased our equipment size and capacity to become more efficient with less labor," he added.

A modern feature is the use of computers. "Most of our record keeping is done on a computer which was installed about three years ago. I keep all farm records on cropping results, soil samples and machinery reports," he said.

The farm was the first in the area to maintain a dairy herd in confinement. Motel type housing was used.

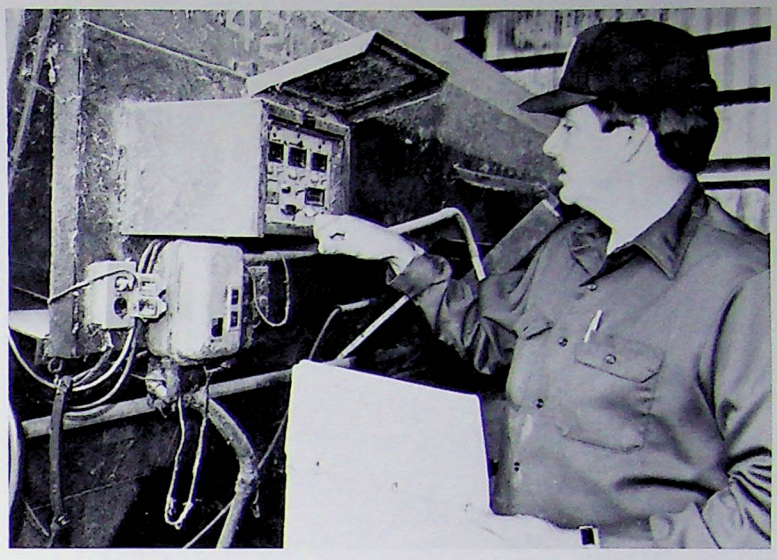
We are proud of our DHIA record which averages 17,000 pounds of milk per cow per year," Landy noted. Cows are milked three times per day.

A manure separator, installed in 1973, was another major innovation. Manure flushed from the feedlots is pumped through a pair of extractors that filter out solid materials and the liquid flows into a lagoon. It is pumped from the lagoon. into an irrigation system which supplies it to 150 acres of cropland. The liquid fertilizer from the manure saves up to $100 per acre on fertilizer on the land served.

"It does not build acidity, therefore we do not have to apply lime," he said.

The Young Farmer of the Year has been active in promoting and conducting education programs to upgrade farming skills through the Bowman Young Farmer Chapter. He has been active in community leadership through the Farm Bureau, town council, and his church. He takes great pride in serving as superintent of the Sunday School at Bowman Southern Methodist Church. He also serves on the board of directors of Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce, and is a Mason and Shriner.

Landy and other members of the Bowman Young Farmer Chapter have a realistic pride in the Bowman Chapter.



Landy Weathers punches in a dairy feed mixture from a formula prepared by a nutritionist who serves the farm on a consultant basis.

"Mr. Harris Beach, a former agriculture teacher at Bowman, and then chapter advisor, set a level of high performance for our chapter. We now have about 60 members. Our chapter serves as training on agricultural related topics, as an exchange of information and a social activity. When we get together, we have a good time. We have a good meal, and we learn something," Landy said. He serves as advisor to the chapter.

"A successful Young Farmer Chapter must have strong leadership, active participation of older members, and all members must give the president and advisor all their support. More chapters should participate in contest activities, get contest forms early, and have them completed ahead of time." he continued.

The Young Farmer of the Year was graduated from Clemson in 1972 with a degree in agronomy after switching from agricultural engineering.

"I had a lot of experience in mechanics, and most of the courses I needed were in agronomy. I planned to come home and farm, and agronomy would provide more of the information I needed in farming.

"Two things I realized in college. The more I learned, the better off I would be, and the more people I knew, the more I could call on for information and assistance."

Hugh was graduated from Carolina in 1978 with a degree in accounting.

"I get feed to the cows, and Hugh takes over from the care of the cows including nutrition, health, milking and marketing. However, either of us can handle almost any situation that arises," Landy noted.

Producing the feed and mixing it all together, and getting it to the dairy herd, have been his major responsibilities in this successful dairy operation.

"We could not do any of this without the good people we have had with us over the years. They are loyal, prompt to work on time---a real good group of people with whom to work. There are 30 full-time employees. We have 16 people milking cows, seven on the farm, one in sanitation, and three in management. We care about them, and we hope they care about us," he said.

Looking ahead to the future, Landy said "it may take a few years for farming to get back to normal. In farming you have to be optimistic by nature. The future is not fixed. It is flexible with new challenges."

The Weatherses' farm is meeting the future with good management, innovation, determination, and flexibility.

Their greatest joy, no doubt, will be to continue to see the many details and complexities of a successful farming operation come together for long-lasting efficiency and profit.

Thirty Eight Sponsors Contribute to Success Of Young Farmer Goals

Thirty eight business firms contributed to the success of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers during the past year as sponsors, and contributors in contest awards and as exhibitors at the convention.

The association, as a token of its appreciation and gratitude for their support, recognizes these contributors as a group in the listing that follows:

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SCYF Publicity Committee Emphasizes 12 Objectives

The publicity committee of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers emphasized 12 recommednations in its report to the recent Young Farmers Convention in Columbia. Activities recommended to the individual Chapters are aimed at informing the public and local communities of the continuing educational activities conducted by the local chapters to improved farming efficiency and to strengthen the Young Farmer programs throughout the State.

Recommendations of the publicity committee follow:

We, the Publicity Committee, recommend that:

1. All chapter reporters prepare articles on outstanding Young Farmer projects and submit them to the local news media and the editor of the Young Farmer-Future Farmer Magazine. Copies should also be submitted to the district consultant.
2. All chapters submit award winners and other outstanding members for participation and recognition in other programs such as the "Young Farmer of the Year" sponsored locally by the Jaycees.
3. The activities of the winner of the State Chapter Contest be published in the Young Farmer Convention Proceedings each year.
4. Encourage all chapters to participate in their local Farm-City Week activities.
5. Each Young Farmer chapter present at least one radio or TV program on local chapter activities each year.
6. Each chapter present programs of interest to local organizations, civic clubs, and the general public.
7. The State Association prepare adequate news releases covering the Annual State Convention, the Summer Farm Tour, and the National Young Farmer Educational Institute, and submit them to the statewide news media.
8. The State Association ask farm related organizations to give coverage of our annual convention and other activities in their publications.
9. District award winners receive adequate coverage in the Young Farmer-Future Farmer Magazine, and be given additional news coverage at the local level by the district officers and advisors.
10. Local Young Farmer and FFA Chapters publicize their efforts through at least one joint meeting per year.
11. All chapter reporters prepare articles on all local meetings and submit them to the local news media and to the district consultant.
12. The South Carolina Association of Young Farmers Executive Committee prepare a slide or film presentation of the Summer Farm Tour and the National Young Farmer Educational Institute to be included in the annual convention program. This program should be made available to all local chapters through their district consultants.

SUBMITTED BY:
Members and Advisors attending District 3 Meeting
January 9, 1986, at Florence, S.C.

Marshall Flowers, Chairman
Earl Frick, Advisor

Angie Smith of Pauline and a member of the Dorman FFA Chapter, recently was selected as the Chapter's FFA Sweetheart. The contest is conducted each year to select the sweetheart from girls that are FFA members of the Chapter.

Former Editor Returns To SCFFA-YF Magazine

The new editor of the South Carolina Young Farmer and Future Farmer Magazine is Wilbur H. McCartha of West Columbia.

Mr. McCartha is not a newcomer to the magazine, having served as its editor some years ago. Now retired from the office of vocational education, State Department of Education, he accepted an invitation from the vocational agricultural education staff to again serve as editor of this publication.

The new editor is a graduate of Gilbert High School where he was an active member of the FFA Chapter. He received an AB degree in Journalism from the University of South Carolina, then served with the information services of Military Air Transport Headquarters in Washington, D. C. He also was a reporter for the State newspaper in Columbia for several years before coming to the State Department of Education as vocational editor in 1956. Writing and publishing the Young Farmer and Future Farmer Magazine was one of his many duties during his early years with the State Department of Education.

The first Vocational Journal published by the Office of Vocational Education was originated under his leadership, and he served as its first editor for approximately two years. He later assumed duties as custodial consultant for the public schools in the State.

He was awarded the honorary State Farmer Degree by the SCFFA and the "Outstanding Service Award to Vocational Agricultural Educational in South Carolina" in 1967 by the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America.

The continued success of this magazine will depend upon the support and cooperation of Young Farmer and Future Farmer Chapters in sending news articles, and clippings from local newspapers to the editor. This will make possible each chapter to benefit from each other in idea sharing and activites published in this magazine. Send ideas, news and clippings to Wilbur H. McCartha, Editor South Carolina Young Farmer-Future Farmer, 611 C Avenue, West Columbia, S.C. 29169.

The 31st annual South Carolina FFA Soil Identification and Land Treatment Meet was held March 22 in Walterboro. The above scenes from the earlier District I Meet are representative of soil judging skills and activities that were seen at the recent State Meet.

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